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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Arrangements have been made for the fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 10 to 11 December 1996. The session will be opened by the Chairman at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 December in conference room XX.

2. The Conference of the Parties, at its second session (COP 2), by its decision 13/CP.2, decided to refer the text of the annex on the determination of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention adopted by the Council of the Global Environment Facility and the draft annex submitted by the Group of 77 and China (FCCC/SBI/1996/L.4) for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its next session. In this regard, it was agreed that a brief session of the SBI should be convened during the
December 1996 sessions of the subsidiary bodies to consider the annex. The Parties were invited to submit any additional comments on the matter to the Convention secretariat by 30 September 1996. The SBI is to report to the COP at its third session on the outcome of this matter.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

3. The provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), proposed after consultation with the Chairman, is as follows:

1. Opening of the session.

2. Organizational matters:

   (a) Adoption of the agenda;
   (b) Organization of the work of the session.

3. Financial mechanism:

   (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility: annex on the determination of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention.

4. Report on the session.

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

4. The fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) will be opened by the Chairman at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, in conference room XX.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

5. The provisional agenda for the fourth session of the SBI is presented for adoption (see para. 3 above).

(b) Organization of the work of the session

(i) Documentation

6. A list of documents relating to the provisional agenda, as well as other documents available at the session, is contained in annex I below. In accordance with decision 13/CP.2, the main documents for the session will consist of the annex on the determination of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention, adopted by the Council of the Global Environment Facility (FCCC/CP/1996/9), the draft annex submitted by the Group of 77 and China (FCCC/SBI/1996/L.4) and additional comments submitted by Parties to the Convention secretariat.

(ii) Schedule

7. The scheduling of meetings for the SBI session will be based on the availability of facilities during normal working hours, when services are available for one meeting with interpretation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will also be some facilities for informal meetings without interpretation. Delegations are urged to use these facilities fully by starting all meetings promptly at the scheduled time. Meetings of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate (AGBM) will be held in parallel to meetings of the SBI on both days of the session. A suggested approach to the organization of work is contained in annex II below.

3. Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility: annex on the determination of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention

8. The COP, at its second session, by its decision 13/CP.2 on this matter, requested the SBI to consider at its next session the annex adopted by the Council of the Global Environment Facility and the draft annex submitted by the Group of 77 and China (FCCC/SBI/1996/L.4) and report to the Conference of the Parties on the outcome. The COP further invited Parties to submit any additional comments on the matter to the Convention secretariat by 30 September 1996. Three comments were received and are reproduced in document FCCC/SBI/1996/MISC.1 for the consideration of the SBI. The SBI may wish to consider the above-mentioned documents and recommend an agreed text of the annex for adoption by the third session of the Conference of the Parties.

4. Report on the session

9. The relatively short duration of the session may affect the extent to which a draft text of the report on its work could be available at the end of the session. The SBI may wish to adopt decisions or texts of substantive conclusions and authorize the Chairman to complete the report after the session, with the assistance of the secretariat. While every effort will be made to have conclusions available in all languages, this can only be possible if sufficient time is available for translation.

Annex I

DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT ITS FOURTH SESSION

Documents prepared for the session

FCCC/SBI/1996/13	Provisional agenda and annotations
FCCC/SBI/1996/MISC.1	Comments submitted by the Parties on the annex for the determination of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention

Other documents for the session

FCCC/SBI/1996/12	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the work of its third session held at Geneva from 9-16 July 1996
FCCC/CP/1996/CP/15 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its second session held at Geneva from 8-19 July 1996
FCCC/CP/1996/9	Financial mechanism: draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility: annex on the determination of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention
FCCC/SBI/1996/L.4	Financial and technical cooperation. Financial mechanism: Memorandum of Understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Global Environment Facility: annex on the determination of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention. Draft proposal submitted by the Group of 77 and China

Annex II

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF WORK FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

	Tuesday 10 December	Wednesday 11 December
10 a.m. to 1 p.m	Items 1 2 3	Item 3
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Item 3	Item 4

Other meetings relevant to the work of the SBI:

. The AGBM will hold its meetings in parallel with meetings of the SBI.